

COMMMANDER'S RETIREE COUNCIL  
Fort Rucker, Alabama

1. The Commander's Retiree Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on September 2, 2004 at the Aviators Landing. This was the 193rd scheduled meeting since the Council was established in 1973.
2. Member present, absent, advisors, and guests present were:

MEMBERS (Army Retiree, Except as indicated)

PRESENT

COL William E. Crouch , Co-Ch	CSM Charles E Frye, Co-Ch
COL Herman S. Heath	CSM Andrew Rivers, Jr.
COL James E Hyers	SGM Terry Wilkins.
COL Charles A Block (USMC)	SGM Lloyd M. Rogers, Association Secretary
COL Richard M. Johnson	SMSGT Jean woodruff (USAF)
LTC James R. Mellish	1SG Jackie Ray
CDR James E. Cobb	SFC Joe Barnes
Ms. Erika Johnson (Widow)	SFC Ralph Reed

MEMBERS ABSENT

CSM William Jolley	SSG Fed Spiker
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ADVISORS PRESENT

COL Susan Denny, USAAMC CDR  
CSM Joseph P. Moodt, Garrison CSM  
Mr. K. R Carver, AG  
Mr. Will Newman, RSO  
Mr. Tim Laster, DFCA  
Mr. Stephan Marks, AAFES  
Ms. Barbara Hardbarger, TRICARE

GUESTS

None

3. The meeting was called to order at 11:40 AM by CSM Frye.
4. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as written.
5. Old Business – None
6. Committee Reports.

a. Public Affairs – Colonel Johnson will obtain media coverage advertising the RAD.

b. Legislative Affairs - Colonel Hyers asked everyone to speak to congressional representatives, while they are home on recess until 7 September, to get the House version of Survival Benefit Plan (SBP) passed. The Air Force is reducing the number of name brand drugs carried in the pharmacies.

c. Health Care – CSM Rivers reported there have not been any health care meetings since the last meeting. Colonel Crouch reported that the Bay County Medical Center in Panama City was no longer accepting TRI CARE Prime patients, due to the delay in receiving payment.

d. Volunteer Program - SFC Barnes reported the Volunteer-of-the-Month for September, is Ms. Hannah Scott and she will be recognized at the Post Theatre at 10:30 on 14 September 2004.

e. Consolidated Club System – Colonel Block stated the Club bar sales are still wiping out all the profits made on food. The Club may possibly stock the popular brands of beverages, so an inventory can be completed at the beginning and ending of a shift. The number of Supply Room keys has been reduced, in order to maintain a better control of merchandise.

f. Commissary – No report..

g. PX – No report.

h. Golf Course –Colonel Heath reported the Pro-Am is scheduled for 1 -- 3 October 2004 and volunteers are needed. The club Championship is scheduled for 4 -- 6 September. Reseeding of the Blue Course is ongoing and trees are being removed for better visibility.

i. Equestrian Center – Colonel Heath reported horse trials on 2-3 October and interest is low for this event. The storms are bringing more stable reservations from Florida. The last Open Show is scheduled for 9 October 2004.

j. Outdoor Recreation – CSM Frye reported the RV Park is scheduled for completion, by this time next year and the park will be closed during construction. Hunting and Fishing Regulations are being changed to cover hunting on horseback and penalties for not wearing orange, while hunting. The Bait Shop will be open from 5:00 to 7:00 on weekends. Two hour hunting and fishing briefings will be held on 23 September at 6 PM. Classes will be held for 10 or more people. LTC Williams, the Deputy Chief of Staff, is now the Chairman of the Outdoor Recreation Committee.

k. Bowling Alley – No report.

1. RAD – LTC Mellish signed up Council members who volunteered to work during the RAD and the times they will be available on 29 – 30 October 2004. Flags for all services have been purchased for use as table centerpieces for Friday night, 29 October and one will be on display during the Council meeting. After the advisors were excused, Council members discussed ways of providing the noon meal during the Health Fair, because the USAAMC dining facility will be closed.

3. Advisors Comments –

a. Colonel Denny stated that the dining facility will close on 1 October 2004, however, the seating area will be open. Coffee, pastries, hot dogs and chili dogs will be for sale during the RAD. The staff is preparing for the RAD Health Fair and the format will be the same as last year. Flu shots will be available and pneumonia and tetanus shots will be given by prescription only. The DAV will have a van and personnel to help with claims and answering questions.

b. CSM Moodt reported the SOP for the Equestrian Center is being revised.

c. Mr. Laster reported the October Fest is scheduled for 24 September 2004 on House Field, with all of the German foods and beverages, including a Volksmarch.

d. Ms. Hardbarger stated the TRI CARE office will be closed until noon on 3 September 2004, due to the power outage on Fort Rucker. There were over 2,100 customers in the TRI CARE office in August. She also stated, if providers filed claims electronically payments would be faster. Additionally, Tri Care for Life, generally, pays for services faster than Medi Care.

e. Mr. Marks stated he has no managers left in the building because they are on orders for overseas assignments in Germany. Mr. Craig Middleton, Merchandising Manager, is going to Bambholder and the Food Court Manager is going to Wiesbaden. Both are leaving on 7 September 2004. Due to a power outage, the store will be stocked starting at 11 PM until 6 AM and cashiers will be in at 10 AM, in case the power is restored earlier. Fort Rucker is one of four test sites for internet shopping and pamphlets were given out explaining this service. There is an Oriental Rug Sale scheduled for the end of September and lasting 30 days.

8. New Business – Colonel Crouch presented Certificates of Appreciation from the Adjutant General to Stefan Marks and to Colonel Block for outstanding service, in providing email information to the retired community served by Fort Rucker.

9. Co-Chairman's Comments – Colonel Crouch reported that due to the high cost of malpractice insurance in Florida, many of the doctors are either retiring or leaving the state.

10. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 PM. The next scheduled meeting to be held at the Aviators Landing on 7 October 2004 at 11:30 AM.

Approved via email 13 Sep 04

WILLIAM E. CROUCH

COL, Retired

Co-Chairman

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CHARLES E. FRYE

CSM, Retired

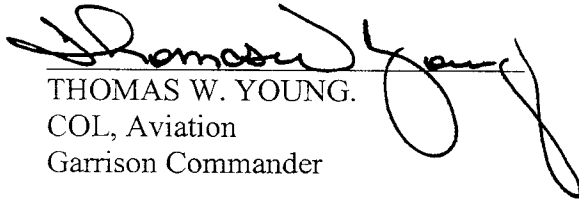
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